

January 9, 2014

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Supt. Moss; ACO Givens; Willis Clark; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of the previous meeting, as well as those from the Executive Session and the Special Session, and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated the new ACO needs to attend some training courses. The first one is Level 2 training in Nashville, TN, February 17 – 21, and deals with cruelty to animals, etc. and the second, Level 3, is in Kansas City, MO, April 21 – 25, and it stresses the tranquilizing of animals. He added Denny Shaffer, with the County Health Department, has agreed to pay the tuition – Level 2 \$525 and Level 3 \$575 – with the city being responsible for hotel, gas, meals, and the vehicle.

Board member Curtis moved permission to attend both be given. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Curtis asked if they have done this type of training with the other ACO's in the past ?

Chief Beloat replied yes. He added the Level 2 course is an overview and the Level 3 is a tranquilizer school. The County agreed to pay part of the schooling because the City send their ACO out in the County to dart if needed.

Mayor Tucker stated when he joined the police department back in 1972, there was dog catcher, period. Times have changed. Not only do they deal with animals, they also deal with the public, the humane society, the media, etc. He added ACO Givens will also be going into the schools to talk to the kids about how to properly care for their pets, etc. He is an "officer".

Board member Curtis asked if Chief Beloat had the funds to cover this ?

Chief Beloat replied he should be okay, he will find it.

Board member Jeffries asked if ACO Givens would be able to cross-train the other officers ?

ACO Givens replied yes.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating the new officers are progressing nicely. Officer Pope is now on her own, and Officer Dockery will be on her own within a month or so. He stated January 13 Korben Sellers will be starting, which will fill the last vacancy. He will be attending the academy in Evansville beginning February 3. He concluded by stating he has also put on three reserve officers: Rusty Jordan, Brandon Brauser, and Colton Givens.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated there is a pumper expo in Indianapolis, and he hasn't been in 10 years. It is a good conference for streets, sewers, septic tanks, etc. He added Comm. Dieterle wants to send Asst. Comm. Miller and he would like to attend, along with Supt. Moss. He stated he may be able to get some CEU's as well. The cost is \$50 each if they register before the 24th. The conference is February 24- 27 and he has checked with the Courtyard and can get rooms for \$154 per night. He further stated he has talked to the Board about needed repairs to the Vac Con truck, which has to be done in Indianapolis, and he would like to be able to get the truck in for that while they are there for the conference.

Board member Curtis moved permission for Supt. Givens, Supt. Moss and Asst. Comm. Miller to attend be given, along with use of the city credit card and vehicle, leaving on February 23 and returning on February 27. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Comm. Dieterle stated Asst. Comm. Miller may be able to bring back their new packer truck as well.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens then stated he has talked with Kieffer Brothers and Mike Gangstad (BLA) about issues with the sewer project. He added he is fed up. Things need attention and he feels they all need to get together in one room and resolve this – it is beyond talking.

Board member Curtis agreed. He added Councilman Fuelling is over Sewer and wants to be involved as well.

Supt. Givens stated there is a year warranty, but problems persist. They are having control panel box issues as well, and he feels they need to get everyone together.

Board member Jeffries suggested me make a list of all of the issues before the meeting.

Supt. Givens replied yes he has a list.

Board member Jeffries stated paper trails are essential in this case, and they need to be ready.

Board member Curtis stated Supt. Givens needs to be sure to bring up any and all issues he is having, anything that is on his mind. Bring it up now.

Supt. Givens agreed and added Aaron Burke did send a list before he left BLA.

Mayor Tucker stated Supt. Givens may want to make Attorney Higgins aware of the meeting, as she may want to sit in.

Supt. Givens replied he would like to have this initial meeting first.

Mayor Tucker agreed and asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, with the first item being action on the bids received for the demolition of 207 – 213 Main Street. Board member Curtis moved they table any action on this for one month. Seconded by Board member Jeffries. Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is action on the bids for 2014 Supplies.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added all bidders met the legal requirements for bidding, per the letter from Attorney Higgins.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board accept the lowest responsible bidder on each item. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is to designate newspaper for Board of Works publications for 2014.

Board member Curtis moved they designate the Mount Vernon Democrat. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated Willie Clark is in the Audience.

Mr. Clark stated he lives at 825 Magnolia, and he is back again with raw sewage in his basement. He added he has been dealing with this since 1999. Back in 2003 his basement was filled with raw sewage – Hydromax came down and did a lot of work. Between 2003 and 2006 he replaced his sewer lines and at that time, discovered there were three homes on one sewer line. He then made a mini main, but the city only maintains their main line. In 2009 this happened again. Every time it happens it is a claim for the city, as the city insurance carrier covers it. In 2011 it happened yet again. He added he cleans his lines a couple of times a year as well. December 28, 2013 it back up again, same thing. He contacted Supt. Moss who came out and the line was sucked out again and that got them going. On the 29th, Supt. Moss brought the camera out.

Supt. Moss stated the camera went under water. They have worked on this line the past three days and they did get quite a lot of roots out, but there are a lot of roots still in that line.

Mr. Clark stated he contacted the insurance company and an adjustor is coming out tomorrow, but they have got to do something to fix this. He stated he never knows when this is going to happen, it isn't always when it is raining. It needs taken care of. The roots are bad. His daughter has asthma and doesn't need to be breathing that in.

Supt. Moss stated they were out there again this morning for four hours and there are lots and lots of roots, but they did find the mini main.

Supt. Givens added Mr. Clark's sewer crosses the street to hit the main sewer. He stated he feels there are roots in the mini main as well. Clean outs are good idea in this situation, and they have been going down there every few months the way it is with the truck to clean out the line.

Mr. Clark stated he is concerned with the laterals getting stuff in them too when they clean out the main. He feels something needs to be done with the main line.

Supt. Givens stated roots are hard to get out. A solution can be put in the line to eat at the roots. He can contact that company and see if they can do something with the solution. He can also contact Layne Inliner and see what they think, they do have options here but it wont be fixed over night.

Mr. Clark stated he can see where the roots will come back in the line and he likes the idea of re-lining that main line.

Board member Curtis stated that sounds like a reasonable plan.

Mr. Clark replied he likes the re-line idea, or just putting in a new line.

Board member Curtis stated now is the time to hit up Layne Inliner for recommendations as they are in town working on the E & S project. He asked if Mr. Clark was ok with that?

Mr. Clark replied that sounds good.

Supt. Givens stated that check valves are also a good idea. He then stated he would like to put a manhole in the middle of that street so they have better access. They are working on the problem.

Mr. Clark thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Curtis stated he would like to talk about speed control in the Water and Main Street area, a pedestrian crossing, speed limits, etc. He added they need to be looking at this now as there will be boats in and out, that turn at Water and Main is pretty tight now, and now is the time to take a look at it. Comm. Dieterle can look at it from the street perspective, and Chief Beloit from a speed perspective.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer